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In re application of:

Singh et al.

Application No.: 10/688,797

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For: **SILICON-CONTAINING LAYER
DEPOSITION WITH SILICON
COMPOUNDS**

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PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION BY
THE OFFICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c), and accompanying a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with the appropriate fee, the Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office suspend action on this Application for three months. Applicants believe that there is good and sufficient cause to suspend the action as set forth below.

The Applicants' request a suspension of action for three (3) months in order to investigate the potential inventorship conflict. It is believed that Applicants' investigation of this issue will be completed within this three month period.

The present application is not currently subject to an action.

In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request that this Petition to Suspend Action be granted.

Please charge the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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